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• Edmund Barton
  1900 --- 1st Prime Minister of Australia.
• Charlotte Cooper
  1900 --- 1st woman to win an Olympic Gold Medal (for tennis).
• 1st Nobel Prize winners:
  1901 ---
    Literature: Sully Prudhomme (Rene Francois Armand)
    Peace: Jean Henri Dunant & Frederic Passy
    Physics: Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen
    Physiology & Medicine: Emil Adolf Von Behring
    Chemistry: Jacobus Henricus Van't Hoff
  1969 ---
    Economics: Ragnar Frisch & Jan Tinbergen
• 1st female Nobel Prize winners:
  1903 ---
    Physics: Marie Sklodowska Curie
  1905 ---
    Peace: Baroness Bertha Sophie Felicita von Suttner
  1909 ---
    Literature: Selma Ottilia Lovisa Lagerløf
  1911 ---
    Chemistry: Marie Sklodowska Curie
  1947 ---
    Physiology & Medicine: Gerty Radnitz Cori
• Annie Taylor
  1901 --- 1st woman to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel. She was aged 64 years at the time.
• Vida Goldstein
  1902 --- 1st woman in the British Empire to run for a national office. She ran for the Australian Senate when women there got the right to vote in all federal elections.
• Maurice Garin
  1903 --- 1st Tour de France winner.
• Alexander Winton
  1903 --- set the 1st land speed record in car racing. Set at Daytona Beach, his speed was 68.18 mph.
• May Sutton Brandy
  1904 --- 1st American woman to win the ladies singles tennis championship at Wimbledon.
• Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman
  1905 --- 1st "actual" British prime minister. Until the 18th century, the monarch's most senior minister could hold any of a number of titles; usually either First Lord, Lord Chancellor, Lord Privy Seal, or one of the Secretaries of State. During the late 18th Century, the term "prime minister" came to be used. In 1905, the title was officially recognized by King Edward VII.
• Theodore Roosevelt
1906 --- 1st American to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. It was for helping mediate an end the Russo-Japanese War.

- Ferenc Szisz
- 1906 --- Winner of the 1st Grand Prix held at Le Mans, France. The Romanian driver drove a Renault.

- Charles Curtis
- 1907 --- 1st American Indian to become a US Senator. (Kansas) He resigned in March of 1929 to become President Herbert Hoover's Vice President.

- Thomas E. Selfridge
- 1908 --- 1st airplane fatality. Selfridge, a Lt.in the US Army Signal Corps, was in a group evaluating the Wright plane at Fort Myer, Va. He was up 75 ft. with Orville Wright when the propeller hit a bracing wire and was broken, throwing the plane out of control, killing Selfridge and seriously injuring Wright (Sept. 17).

- Baroness Raymonde de la Roche
- 1910 --- 1st licensed woman pilot. (of France, who learned to fly in 1909, received ticket No. 36 on March 8.)

- Alice Wells
- 1910 --- 1st policewoman in the US. She was hired by the Los Angeles Police Department. She was allowed to design her own uniform and was active in propagating the need for policewomen elsewhere. As a result of her efforts seventeen departments in American were employing policewomen by 1916.

- Roald Amundsen - Norwegian explorer
- 1911 --- 1st man to reach the South Pole, beating out an expedition led by Robert F. Scott.

- Marie Sklodowska Curie
- 1911 --- 1st person ever to win two Nobel Prizes. Her first was in Physics (1903) and the second in Chemistry (1911.)

- Ray Harroun
- 1911 --- 1st winner of the Indianapolis 500 car race. His average speed was 74.59 mph, he finished in 6 hours, 42 minutes, 8 seconds.

- Alice Hyde
- 1911 --- 1st winner of the "Miss World" beauty pageant. She was 17.

- Harriet Quimby
- 1911 --- 1st US woman pilot. (A magazine writer, got ticket No. 37, making her the second licensed female pilot in the world. She was also the 1st woman to fly across the English Channel. She flew from Dover, England and landed at Hardelot, France, in a Blériot monoplane(April 16). She was later killed in a flying accident over Dorchester Bay during a Harvard-Boston aviation meet on July 1, 1912. )

- Arthur R. Eldred
- 1912 --- 1st boy to reach the rank of Eagle Scout -- the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America program. He was of Oceanside, NY.

- Louis D. Brandeis
- 1916 --- 1st Jewish member of the US Supreme Court. (Appointed by President Wilson)
• Jeannette Rankin
1916 --- 1st woman elected to US congress. (Montana) Only legislator to vote against both WW I and WW II.

• 1st Pulitzer Winners
1917 ---
  Biography: Laura E. Richards, H. Elliott, and Florence Hall
  History: Jean Jules Jusserand
  Reporting: Herbert B. Swope

• 1st female Pulitzer Winners:
  1921 ---
  Fiction: Edith Wharton for "The Age of Innocence."
  1923 ---
  Poetry: Edna St. Vincent Millay for "The Ballad of the Harp-Weaver."
  1983 ---
  Music: Ellen Taaffe Zwilich

• Rosika Schwimmer
1918 --- the world's 1st woman ambassador. She was appointed the Hungarian ambassador to Switzerland.

• Lucy Slowe
1920 --- 1st black woman tennis champion in the US. She won the women's singles title at a tournament in Baltimore.

• Ethelda "Thel" Bleibtrey - swimmer
1920 --- 1st US woman to win a gold medal in the Olympics. (Margaret Abbott was awarded a porcelain bowl, not a gold medal, in 1900.)

• Bessie Coleman
1921 --- 1st US black female pilot. Was killed April 30, 1926, in flying accident.

• Margaret Gorman
1921 --- 1st Miss America. She was 16 and 30-25-32.

• Henry Sullivan
1923 --- 1st American to swim across the English Channel.

• Clifton Reginald Wharton, Sr.
1924 --- 1st black to pass US Foreign Service exam.

• Nellie Taylor Ross
1925 --- 1st female state governor. (Wyoming)

• Gertrude Ederle
1926 --- 1st American woman to swim the English Channel. It took her 14 hours and 39 minutes. (She broke the existing men's record.)

• Al Jolson
1927 --- lead role in the 1st talking motion picture, "The Jazz Singer."

• Charles Lindbergh
1927 --- 1st man to fly solo across the Atlantic.

• Norma Talmadge
1927 --- 1st footprints at Grauman's Chinese Theater (now Mann's Chinese Theater.)

• Janet Gaynor
1928 --- 1st Oscar winner for Best Actress.
- Emil Jannings  
  1928 --- 1st Oscar winner for Best Actor.
- Ellen Church  
  1930 --- 1st airline hostess. She served passengers flying between San Francisco, California and Cheyenne, Wyoming on United Airlines.
- Sinclair Lewis  
  1930 --- 1st American recipient of the Nobel Prize for literature.
- Jane Addams  
  1931 --- 1st American woman to win the Nobel Prize for Peace.
- Jackie Mitchell - baseball pitcher  
  1931 --- 1st woman in organized baseball. She was signed by the Chattanooga Baseball Club at the age of 19.
- Hattie Caraway  
  1932 --- 1st woman elected to US Senate.
- Amelia Earhart  
  1932 --- 1st transatlantic solo flight by a woman. (traveling from Harbor Grace, Newfoundland, to Ireland in approximately 15 hours)
- Frances Perkins  
  1933 --- 1st woman in US Presidential Cabinet. (Secretary of Labor under FDR.)
- Marie, Cecile, Yvonne, Emilie and Annette Dionne  
  1934 --- 1st quintuplets to survive infancy. They were born near Callender, Ontario to Oliva and Elzire Dionne.
- Horton Smith  
  1934 --- won the 1st Masters Golf Tournament under the magnolia trees of Augusta National in Georgia.
- Lettie Pate Whitehead  
  1934 --- 1st American woman to serve as a director of a major corporation, The Coca-Cola Company.
- Wallis Warfield Simpson  
  1936 --- 1st Time magazine "Woman of the Year."
- Jane Matilda Bolin  
  1939 --- 1st black woman judge. (New York City)
- Gene Cox  
  1939 --- 1st girl page in US House of Representatives.
- Franklin D. Roosevelt  
  1939 --- 1st US president to speak on television. (Spoke at the opening session of the New York World's Fair on April 30, 1939.)
- Hattie McDaniel  
  1940 --- 1st black actress to win an Oscar. She won the Best Supporting Actress award for her role as Mammy in "Gone with the Wind".
- Booker T. Washington  
  1940 --- 1st black to be pictured on a US postage stamp. His likeness was issued on a 10-cent stamp.
- Annie G. Fox  
  1941 --- 1st woman to receive the US Purple Heart Medal. She was wounded
while serving at Hickam Field during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec 7 1941.
• Glenn Miller
  1941 --- Received the 1st gold record ever awarded to a recording artist.
• Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini
  1946 --- 1st canonized American saint.
• Trygve Lie - Norwegian socialist
  1946 --- 1st Secretary General of United Nations.
• Chuck Yeager
  1947 --- 1st person to break the sound barrier by flying faster than the speed of sound. (On October 14, 1947, he flew a Bell X-1 rocket at 670 mph in level flight.)
• Dick Button
  1948 --- 1st American to become World Figure Skating Champion.
• Eugenia Anderson
  1949 --- 1st US woman appointed ambassador to a foreign country. (Ambassador to Denmark)
• Gwendolyn Brooks
  1949 --- 1st black woman to win a Pulitzer prize.
• Ralph Bunche
  1950 --- 1st black to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.
• Charles Cooper
  1950 --- 1st black player in NBA (Fort Wayne Indiana Celtics).
• Florence Chadwick
  1951 --- 1st woman to have swum across the English Channel in each direction.
• George (Christine) Jorgenson
  1952 --- recipient of the world's 1st sex-change operation. Danish artist Einar Wegener underwent a sex change operation in Berlin March 5, 1930. He assumed the identity of Lili Elbe, and had ovaries implanted. It is speculated that Wegener was actually a hermaphrodite, and the credit for first sex change usually is given to Christine Jorgenson.
• Patricia McCormick
  1952 --- 1st professional woman bullfighter. She got herself two bulls in the contest held in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.
• Desi Arnaz, Jr. and Lucille Ball
  1953 --- appeared on the cover of the 1st TV Guide (April).
• Jacqueline Cochrane
  1953 --- 1st woman to fly faster than speed of sound. (She piloted an F-86 Sabrejet over California at an average speed of 652.337 miles-per-hour.)
• Tenley Albright
  1953 --- 1st American to win the Women's World Figure Skating Championship. She was 17-years old when she won the competition in Davos, Switzerland.
• Elizabeth II
  1953 --- 1st monarch to have a televised coronation.
• Sir Edmund Hillary  
  1953 --- 1st recorded climb of Mt. Everest.

• Sir Roger Bannister  
  1954 --- 1st person recorded to run a mile race in under four minutes. He broke the four minute barrier at Imey Road, Oxford on the 6 May. His time was 3 minutes 59.4 seconds.

• Benjamin O. Davis, Jr  
  1954 --- 1st first black general in the US Air Force

• Marian Anderson  
  1955 --- 1st black singer at the Metropolitan Opera. She appeared as Ulrica in Verdi's "The Masked Ball."

• Althea Gibson  
  1957 --- 1st black tennis player to win a Wimbledon singles title.

• Laika, the dog  
  1957 --- 1st living creature to orbit the earth. Aboard the Soviet satellite, Sputnik 2.

• Julia Child  
  1958 --- 1st woman designated a full-fledged "Chef."

• William O'Ree  
  1958 --- 1st black hockey player in the NHL. (Boston Bruins)

• Ruth Carol Taylor  
  1958 --- 1st black woman to become a stewardess (now, flight attendant) by making her initial flight this day on Mohawk Airlines from Ithaca, NY to New York City.

• Clifton R Wharton  
  1958 --- 1st black US foreign minister. (Romania)

• Hiram L. Fong  
  1959 --- 1st Chinese-American in US Senate. (Hawaii)

• Daniel K. Inouye  
  1959 --- 1st Japanese-American in US House of Representatives. (Hawaii)

• Sirimavo Bandaraneike  
  1960 --- 1st woman to be elected the head of state. She became the president of Sri Lanka. (Following her were Indira Gandhi of India in 1966 and Golda Meir of Israel in 1969.)

• Harry Belafonte  
  1960 --- 1st black performer to win a major Emmy award; he was awarded Best Performance in a Variety Show for his TV special "Tonight with Belafonte."

• Oveta Culp Hobby  
  1960 --- 1st woman to serve as US Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare. She is also the first director of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC), and the first woman to receive the US Army Distinguished Service Medal.

• Wilma Rudolph  
  1960 --- 1st American woman to win three gold medals in a single Olympics, on September 7.
- Antonio Abertondo
  1961 --- 1st person to swim the English Channel non-stop in both directions.
- Yuri Alekseyevich Gagarin
  1961 --- 1st human in space, 1st human to orbit Earth.
- Alan Bartlett Shepard, Jr.
  1961 --- 1st American in space; (Freedom 7). 2nd human in space; member of original Mercury 7.
- Janet G. Travell
  1961 --- 1st woman to hold the post of Personal Physician to the President. (Appointed by Kennedy)
- Roy Claxton Acuff
  1962 --- 1st living person admitted to Country Music Hall of Fame.
- Joan Crawford
- John Glenn
  1962 --- 1st US astronaut to orbit earth.
- Valentina Vladimirovna Tereshkova - Russian cosmonaut
  1963 --- 1st woman in space.
- Golda Meir
  1964 --- 1st Jewish female prime minister, and 1st female prime minister of Israel.
- Jerrie Mock
  1964 --- 1st around-the-world solo flight by a woman.
- Sidney Poitier
  1964 --- 1st black actor to win an Oscar in a major category. He earned the honor for Best Actor at the Academy Awards for his role in the film, "Lilies of the Field".
- Peter Sellers
  1964 --- 1st male to appear on the cover of "Playboy" magazine.
- Margaret Chase Smith
  1964 --- 1st woman nominated for president of the US by a major political party, at the Republican National Convention in San Francisco.
- Patricia R Harris
  1965---1st black female US ambassador. (Luxembourg)
- Alexei Arkhovich Leonov
  1965 --- 1st human to walk in space.
- Amber Dean Smith
  1965---1st ever nude centrefold girl when in 1965 at the age of 19 years she was crowned 'Pet Of The Year' by Penthouse magazine.
- Edward Higgins White, Jr.
  1965 --- 1st American to walk in space.
- Indira Priyadarshini Gandhi
  1966 --- 1st woman prime minister of India.
- Robert C. Weaver
  1966 --- 1st black in US Presidential Cabinet (LBJ appointed him Secretary of HUD.)
• Christiaan Barnard - heart surgeon  
  1967 --- performed the 1st human heart transplant.
• John Lennon  
  1967 --- 1st artist on the cover of Rolling Stone Magazine (November 9, 1967.)
• Thurgood Marshall  
  1967 --- 1st black to become a Supreme Court justice.
• Muriel Siebert  
  1967 --- 1st woman to own a seat on the New York Stock Exchange. She was also the nation’s first- ever discount broker, and the first woman to serve as Superintendent of Banks for the State of New York.
• Carl Stokes  
  1967 --- 1st black elected as the mayor of a major city. (Cleveland, Ohio)
• Louis Washkansky  
  1967 --- 1st human heart transplant recipient. He lived 18 days with the new heart.
• Shirley Chisholm  
  1968 --- 1st black woman elected to the US House of Representatives.
• Ruth Eisemann-Schier  
  1968 --- 1st woman placed on the FBI's Most Wanted List (for kidnaping, extortion, and other crimes.)
• Neil Armstrong  
  1969 --- 1st man to walk on the moon.
• Barbara Jo Rubin  
  1969 --- 1st woman jockey to win a race in North America. She was riding Cohesian, at Charlestown Race Course in West Virginia.
• Elizabeth P. Hoisington  
  1970 --- 1st female general in the US armed forces. She was appointed to the post of director of the Women's Army Corps.
• Bella Savitsky Abzug  
  1971 --- 1st Jewish woman in Congress.
• Fran Phillips  
  1971 --- 1st Negro-League player elected to Baseball Hall of Fame.
• Satchel Paige  
  1971 --- 1st woman to set foot on the North Pole, on April 5th.
• Berenice Gera  
  1972 --- 1st female umpire in pro baseball.
• Billy Jean King  
  1972 --- named Sports Illustrated "Sportsperson of the Year," becoming the 1st woman to be so honored.
• Sally Jean Priesand  
  1972 --- 1st ordained woman rabbi in the US.
• Mark Spitz - US swimmer  
  1972 --- 1st athlete to win 7 Olympic gold medals.
• Jean Westwood  
  1972 --- 1st woman to head the US Democratic Party.
- Henry Kissinger
  1973 --- 1st Jewish US Secretary of State. He was also the 1st naturalized
citizen to hold this office.
- Emily Warner
  1973 --- 1st female commercial airline pilot in the US. (Frontier Airlines)
- Mia Farrow
  1974 --- appeared on the cover of the 1st People Magazine.
- Richard Milhous Nixon
  1974 --- 1st and only US president to resign from office.
- Mary Louise Smith
  1974 --- 1st woman to head the US Republican Party.
- Ellen Burstyn
  1975 --- 1st person to win an Oscar and a Tony in the same year. These
  awards were for her performances in the film "Alice Doesn’t Live Here An-
  ymore" (1974) and the play "Same Time, Next Year."
- George Carlin
  1975 --- 1st guest host on "Saturday Night Live" which premiered on October
  11.
- Natalie Cole
  1975 --- 1st black to win the Best New Artist Grammy Award.
- Ella Grasso
  1975 --- 1st woman to become a governor of a state (Connecticut) without a
  husband preceding her in the governor's chair.
- Janis Ian
  1975 --- 1st musical guest on TV's "Saturday Night Live".
- Junko Tabei
  1975 --- 1st woman to reach the summit of Mt. Everest.
- Sarah Caldwell
  1976 --- 1st woman to conduct the Metropolitan Opera in New York City.
- Tom Waddell and Charles Deaton
  1976 --- 1st gay men to be featured in the "Couples" section of People maga-
  zine.
- Barbara Walters
  1976 --- 1st female newscaster on a US TV network news program. She
  signed a $5 million (five year) contract with ABC television as the evening
  news anchorwoman on April 22, 1976.
- Billy Crystal
  1977 --- played 1st openly gay main character, Jodie Dallas, on network tele-
  vision on ABC's "Soap," which aired from 1977 to 1981.
- Bette Davis
  1977 --- 1st female motion picture performer to be honored with the Life
  Achievement Award of the American Film Institute (AFI), the highest honor
  given for a career in film. (Since the AFI established this award in 1973, only
  three other women have been honored since Davis: Elizabeth Taylor, Barbara
  Stanwyck, and Lillian Gish.)
- Janet Guthrie
1977 --- 1st woman to qualify and race at the Indianapolis 500.
- Jacqueline Means

1977 --- 1st woman to be an ordained Episcopal priest
- Harvey Milk

1977 --- 1st acknowledged homosexual elected to high local office (San Francisco Board of Supervisors)
- Louise Brown

1978 --- 1st test tube baby. (Lancastershire, England)
- Mary Hargrafen (Sister Mary Carl)

1978 --- 1st nun to become a captain in the US Air Force. (Sisters of St. Francis.)
- John Paul the Second (Karol Wojtyla)

1978 --- 1st Pole to become pope.
1998 --- 1st pope to visit Cuba. (Jan. 21-25)
- Diana Nyad

1979 --- 1st person to swim from the Bahamas to Florida.
- Margaret Thatcher

1979 --- Britain's 1st female prime minister.
- Sandra Day O'Connor

- Barney Frank

1981 -- 1st openly gay U.S. Congressperson.
- Barney Clark

1982 -- 1st recipient of a permanent artificial heart, on Dec. 2. He lived until March 23, 1983.
- Guion Stewart Bluford, Jr. (Guy)

1983 --- 1st black American in space.
- Elizabeth Dole (Mary Elizabeth Hanford)

1983 --- 1st female US Secretary of Transportation.
- Sally Kristen Ride

1983 --- 1st US woman in space.
- Bruce Springsteen

1983 --- 1st US music CD artist - "Born in the USA" released March 1983
- Vanessa Williams

1983 --- 1st black Miss America. Williams relinquished her crown during her reign when nude pictures of her were published in "Penthouse" magazine.
- Joan Benoit

1984 --- winner of the 1st women's Olympic marathon at the Summer Games, held in Los Angeles.
- Geraldine Ferraro

1984 --- 1st woman vice-presidential nominee of a major US political party.
- Kathryn Sullivan

1984 --- 1st female US astronaut to walk in space.
- Penny Harrington

1985 --- 1st woman police chief of a major city. Head of the Portland, Oregon
force of 940 officers and staff.

- **Libby Riddles**
  1985 --- 1st woman to win the Iditarod, Alaska's 1,135-mile Anchorage-to-Nome dog sled race. She completed the course in 18 days, twenty minutes and seventeen seconds.

- **Wilma Mankiller**
  1985 --- 1st woman to lead a major American Indian tribe. She was elected Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation.

- **Corazon Aquino**
  1986 --- 1st woman Prime Minister in the Philippines. She was later the 1st Philippine president not to seek a second term.

- **Mary Lund**
  1986 --- 1st female recipient of an artificial heart.

- **Christa Sharon McAuliffe**
  1986 --- 1st teacher selected for the NASA Teacher in Space program. She died, along with the rest of the crew, when the space shuttle Challenger blew up not long after launching.

- **Oprah Winfrey**
  1986 --- 1st African-American woman to own her own television production company.

- **Kofi Annan**
  1987 --- 1st black Secretary General of the United Nations.

- **Aretha Franklin**
  1987 --- 1st female artist inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

- **Mary R. Stout**

- **Clifton Reginald Wharton, Jr.**
  1987 --- 1st black to become Chairman and CEO of a Fortune 500 company (TIAA-CREF).

- **Kurt Browning**
  1988 --- 1st figure skater to land a quadruple jump in competition.

- **Gertrude Belle Elion - pharmacologist**
  1988 --- 1st woman admitted to National Inventors Hall of Fame.

- **Justin Fashanu**
  1988 --- a top soccer player in Britain, reveals that he is gay. He is the 1st athlete in a team sport to come out during his athletic career.

- **Michael Jordan**
  1988 --- 1st basketball player pictured on a box of Wheaties cereal.

- **Penny Marshall**
  1988 --- 1st woman film director to have a film take in more than $100 million at the box office – "Big."

- **Mary Wilson**
  1988 --- 1st female rock star to receive a lifetime achievement award from the Rock 'N' Roll Hall of Fame.

- **Antonia Novello**
1990 --- 1st woman and first Hispanic to be named Surgeon General of the US.

- Douglas L. Wilder

1990 --- 1st elected black US governor. (Virginia)

- Nadine Strossen

1991 --- 1st female president of the ACLU.

- Billy Crystal


- Mae Carol Jemison

1992 --- 1st black woman in space (on the Endeavor.)

- Sidney Portier

1992 --- 1st black motion picture performer to be honored with the Life Achievement Award of the American Film Institute (AFI), the highest honor given for a career in film.

- Aileen Wuornos

1992 --- 1st female serial killer in America. In 1992 she was charged with the shooting of five middle-aged men she met on highways by hitch hiking. She confessed to shooting seven men in self-defence and was eventually executed on 9th October 2002. Lethal Intent, the Aileen 'Lee' Wuornos story

- Madeleine Albright

1993 --- 1st female US Secretary of State. She is the first woman in this position as well as the highest-ranking woman in the United States government.

- Maya Angelou

1993 --- 1st female poet to read a poem at a US presidential inauguration. She read "On the Pulse of Morning," at Clinton's inauguration.

- Akebono (Chadwick Haheo Rowan)

1993 --- 1st non-Japanese yokozuna (sumo wrestler.)

- Carol Elizabeth Moseley-Braun

1993 --- 1st black woman in US Senate.

- Kim Campbell

1993 --- 1st female Prime Minister of Canada.

- Barbara Harmer

1993 --- 1st woman to pilot the Concorde (March 25th.)

- Janet Reno


- Shiela Widnall

1993 --- 1st secretary of a branch of the US military (appointed to head the Air Force)

- Eileen Marie Collins

1995 --- 1st female space shuttle pilot. She piloted the space shuttle Discovery during a mission to rendezvous with space station Mir.

- Rebecca Elizabeth Marier

1995 --- 1st woman to graduate 'top of the class' at West Point, the US Military Academy. The rankings are based on academic, military and physical accomplishments.
• Madeleine Albright  
1996 --- 1st female US Secretary Of State.
• Dolly, the lamb  
1996 --- 1st cloned mammal.
• Claudia Kennedy, US Army Major General  
• Anna Lelkes  
1997 --- became the 1st official female member of the Vienna Philharmonic after the orchestra voted to end its all-male policy. She plays the harp.
• Craig Breedlove  
1998 --- 1st person to break the sound barrier in a car, at Lake Bonneville, UT, with a trap speed of over 760 MPH.
• Jane Henney  
1998 --- 1st woman appointed Commissioner of the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA.)
• Johnathan Lee Iverson  
1998 --- 1st black ringmaster in the 129-year history of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. (At age 22, also the youngest.)
• Elizabeth Ann Oliver  
1998 --- 1st woman to have her baby's birth broadcast live over the Internet. (June 16)
• Carlos Santana  
1998 --- 1st Hispanic to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.
• Lt. Kendra Williams, USN  
• Eileen Collins  
1999 --- 1st woman astronaut to command a space shuttle mission.
• Nancy Ruth Mace  
1999 --- 1st female cadet to graduate from the Citadel, the formerly all-male military school in South Carolina.
• Cynthia M. Trudell  
1999 --- 1st woman to head a US car company, Saturn Corp.
• Abdurrahman Wahid  
1999 --- 1st elected president of Indonesia (on October 20, 1999).